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SUBJ: TURKISH PRESS REACTION TO SECRETARY'S UNGA LEECH

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1. THERE STILL HAS BEEN NO RPT NO PUBLIC COMMENT BY THE GOT ON THE SECRETARY'S UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY SPEECH (REFTEL, AND THE PRESS SEPTEMBER 25 CARRIED ONLY ONE EDITORIAL ON THE SPEECH. HOWEVER, SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS FEATURED NEWS COVERAGE OF THE SECRETARY'S SEPTEMBER 24 MEETING WITH FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL, HIGHLIGHTING THE SECRETARY'S REPORTED EXPECTATION THAT THE ARMS EMBARGO WOULD SOON BE LIFTED.

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HEAVY PLAY WAS ALSO GIVEN TO THE NEWS OF THE HOUSE RULES

COMMITTEE'S FAVORABLE ACTION ON THE BILL THAT WOULD PARTIALLY
LIFT THE EMBARGO.

2. SUMMARY OF PRESS REACTION SEPTEMBER 25:

A. MODERATE MILLIYET, IN AN ARTICLE BY SAMI KOHEN FROM

NEW YORK, REPORTED THAT THE SECRETARY ASSURED CAGLAYANGIL
SEPTEMBER 24 THAT HIS UNGA SPEECH DID NOT RPT NOT REPRESENT
A CHANGE IN US POLICY, BUT WAS A RESTATEMENT OF PREVIOUSLY
ANNOUNCED POSITIONS. KOHEN SAID THAT THE SECRETARY TOLD
CAGLAYANGIL THAT HE "SUPPOSED" INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS COULD BE
"SPEEDED UP" AFTER THE OCTOBER 12 PARTIAL SENATE ELECTIONS.
FOLLOWING THE MEETING WITH CAGLAYANGIL, THE SECRETARY
REPORTEDLY REMARKED TO KOHEN THAT "EVERYTHING IS SOLVED".

B. MASS CIRCULATION HU'8YET SIMILARLY REPORTED FROM
NEW YORK THAT KISSINGER TOLD CAGLAYANGIL THAT US VJICY HAD
NOT CHANGED AND THAT ONLY THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS COULD BRING
A SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PORBLEM.

C. THE ONLY EDITORIAL REACTION TO THE UNGA SPEECH
APPEARED IN MASS CIRCULATION GUNAYDIN UNDER THE HEADLINE,
"WHAT KISSINGER WAS UNABLE TO SAY TO OUR FACE, HE SAID AT THE
UN". THE EDITORIAL STATED THAT AFTER FAILING TO GAIN THE
SUPPORT OF THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES AND THE EC-9, THE US WAS
LEFT AS TURKEY'S ONLY HOPE, BUT KISSINGER DESTROYED THE "MYTH"
OF US SUPPORT FOR TURKEY WITH HIS UNGA SPEECH. THE
EDITORIAL CONCLUDED THAT THE SECRETARY HAD MADE A SUCCESSFUL
ATTEMPT TO PLEASE ATHENS, ANTI-TURKISH US CONGRESSMEN
AND THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES WITH THIS SPEECH.
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